

Brittlebank Family

New Proposal for Use of Brittlebank Park Bequest

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By DOROTHY J. CLARK

Terre Haute's latest benefactor, former resident Julius Brittlebank, left an \$89,000 bequest in his will for the establishment of a city park. Much comment has been aroused by this generous gift, and everyone seems to have a different idea as to how the money should be used.

According to City Attorney George Tofaute, the city has complied with the terms of the will bequest; the money has been deposited in a local bank, and with accrued interests now totals over one hundred thousand dollars. It is under the control of the Board of Works and Safety, not the Park Department as so many seem to believe.

Establishment of a downtown mall was one of the proposals to use the Brittlebank gift, to revitalize the downtown shopping area and remove the congested traffic and parking problems from Wabash Avenue.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that the city of Terre Haute has enough playground park area. Acreage and per-capita-wise this is true. Our city has more park space per citizen than the national average.

The latest proposal for the Brittlebank money is to establish a park area in conjunction with the proposed Civic Amphitheater. Looking ahead to its building and completion, officials

from Indiana State University met with Mayor Larrison to discuss the possibility of using this money to acquire the properties from Wabash Avenue north to the entrance of the Amphitheater from Eighth to Ninth St. After clearing and landscaping, the park would be dedicated as Brittlebank Park.

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According to the obituary of the father, Julius Brittlebank was born in 1823 in Demerara, the original name of the colony of British Guiana, on the Demerara river in South America. At an early age he emigrated with his parents to the United States and settled first in Pennsylvania.

When a young man he moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he entered the provision house of John D. Early. He worked for Mr. Early until his employer retired from business in 1856. At this time he moved to Terre Haute and began working for pork packers Jacob D. Early & Son. In 1869 Jacob D. Early died. Mr. Brittlebank continued working for Samuel S. Early until October 1877 when he and his eldest son Julius accepted responsible positions in the

office of Hudnut & Co., the hominy mill here. Two years later in 1879, the father died at the age of 56 years. Twenty-year-old Julius became the sole breadwinner of the family, his mother and younger brother Frank. The Brittlebank family lived on west side of North Second Street between Cherry and Mulberry.

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He enjoyed symphony concerts, ballet, and traveling most of all after his retirement from active business. He died July 25, 1937, in Honolulu, Hawaii while making his 18th trip around the world at the age of 78 years.

In 1931 he made his last trip to Terre Haute and royally entertained by the "old boys of the Half-Century Club" at the Terre Haute House. He had not

been back here since 1896 - 35 years and 12 trips around the world had prevented his return. He and his brother Frank had attended Uncle Benny Hayes Old Seminary School.

When Euclid Lodge F&AM celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1936, Julius Brittlebank was the only living charter member, but was unable to attend the celebration. In 1885 he was one of the 22 Master Masons who petitioned to form the new Euclid Lodge.

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Historian Acquaints Us with

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Home Town

By DAVE NEESE

A flamboyant financier who started out as a \$3-a-week bookkeeper during the Reconstruction Era has left \$89,000 to Terre Haute, the city from which he launched a business career that pyramided into the directorship of a multi-million dollar corporation.

The unusual bequest was made in the last will of Julius Brittlebank, who died in Honolulu, Hawaii, on July 25, 1937, while making his 18th trip around the world. He was then 78.

Until shortly before his death, Brittlebank returned regularly to Terre Haute to renew old acquaintances.

The gift is not without strings, however. The money must be used by Terre Haute for the creation of a public park, and the park must bear the name of Brittlebank.

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Two other cities received similar bequests — Charleston, S. C., the city in which Brittlebank made a fortune, and Mt. Vernon, Ind.

The Charleston City Council met in emergency session Tuesday night and adopted a resolution in which the financier was highly praised and in which Charleston's share of the money was swiftly claimed.

Brittlebank left a trust fund of \$268,000, to be divided equally three ways. If only two of the cities agree to the terms of the will, however, the money will be split two ways. And if Terre Haute and Mt. Vernon are not able to agree to the terms, the Park Department of the city of Charleston will be richer by \$268,000.

Terre Haute City Council President Walter Cook said Wednesday night he had heard neither of Brittlebank nor his will. "That's good news, though," he said.

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He suggested the money should be used toward the purchase of the Vigo County Fairgrounds, which could be christened "Brittlebank Park."

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The will states that the trustee will be absolutely discharged from its duties when city officials give notice they have accepted the terms of the will.

Mayor J. Palmer Gaillard Jr. of Charleston said he intends to set about immediately to find a spot for a park.

The story of Brittlebank is as curious as his will. He was born in Terre Haute in 1859. The Terre Haute City Directory of 1858 lists a Brittlebank who lived at Second and Cherry Streets and describes his occupation as a bookkeeper. Probably, he was the father of the Brittlebank who left the will.

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The names of other Brittlebanks are found in the directories of the 1850s, and the listings trace the careers of a family of bookkeepers, who frequently moved from one company to another.

In 1889, Julius is listed as a travelling agent for Hudnut. In that year, he disappears from Terre Haute records and re-appears in Charleston records.

The files of The Charleston (S. C.) Evening Post show that Brittlebank made South Carolina his home in 1889. The records there chronicle his rise to director of the American Hominy Co., a concern with assets worth \$6 million.

His financial interests broadened and he came to have a hand in 42 other businesses in Charleston.

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Secure in his financial affairs, the former Terre Haute man declined according to one newspaper interview: "Travel if you would keep your health."

Travel he did. He made 40 transatlantic crossings, completed 17 tours around the world and estimated his journeys cost him \$150,000. He told a newspaperman he had put all his money in government bonds and now he was going "to blow every cent."

Beginning a round - the - world tour at 72, he promised "I will advance with every lady on ship."

In a clipping from a London newspaper, he is described as "America's Marco Polo." In a travel magazine it is asserted that he was in Russia at the time of the Russo-Japanese War, in China at the time of the Boxer Rebellion, in Cuba at the time of the Spanish-American War. He saw Mussolini's troops invade Ethiopia, the magazine says, and crossed the Libyan desert in a car.

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On Oct. 27, 1931, Brittlebank shared his knowledge of the world with a Chicago newspaper, which described him as a "Globe Girdler."

Among the bits of insight Brittlebank shared with the public in the story:

—Talk of a depression is a lot of "popycock."

—The idea that Japan is going to war is ridiculous. The Japanese are no good with machinery and can't adjust to a colder climate. "I've been there. I know!"

—The Chinese are too sensible to fight and are getting along well together.

According to other clippings, Brittlebank became an opera buff, probably because of the influence of a lady friend. He said he had seen 1,200 operas. He was made a director of the Charleston Symphonic Orchestra.

Other clippings give the impression Terre Haute's benefactor was a man of great wit and charm, who was given to dropping in at newspaper offices to expound on any subject.

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First Of Brittlebank Park

Bequest Money Received

Brittlebank, Julius

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By **JOE WAGNER**
Star Staff Writer

Late in 1966 Terre Haute city officials learned that a former resident, Julius Brittlebank, who started out as a \$3-a-day bookkeeper here and later became director of a multi-million dollar corporation, had bequeathed the city \$89,000 for establishment of a city park to be named in his honor and perpetually maintained by the city.

Friday, Mayor Leland Larison and City Controller Carl Price said the city had received a check for \$44,000 as the first installment of payment of the bequest. The check was from the First National Bank of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C., trustee of the Brittlebank estate. Charleston was his home city.

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A letter accompanying the check stated as soon as other securities in the estate

are disposed of, further payments will be forwarded to the city.

Two other cities, Charleston, S.C., and Mt. Vernon, Ind., were named to share the \$268,000 left in the trust fund.

The will specified that city councils or other appropriate city officials approve requirements of the will in applying for the money. The Terre Haute City Council voted to approve acceptance of the money under these terms.

Several suggestions have been made for use of the money, but nothing concrete has been resolved. At first, it was suggested the city purchase all or part of the Vigo County Fairgrounds. Then, a suggestion was made that a plot of ground near Terre Town be used for establishment of the park.

The latest suggestion is that the money be used for establish-

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ment of a "mall" on Wabash Avenue.

Howard Harbaugh, city park superintendent, said Friday he would like to see the money used for purchase of new equipment for the existing city parks.

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He explained the city is currently maintaining 717.71 acres of city parks, including two acres of boulevards in Edgewood Grove, six triangles in Edgewood Grove containing one acre, 46.1 acres of boulevards on Ohio Street from Nineteenth Street to Fruitridge Avenue, five triangles in Terre Town comprising two acres, a one-half acre triangle at Eighth and Hulman Streets and five acres on South Sixth Street from Helen to Margaret Avenues.

Other parks maintained by the city with their location and acreage, are:

Boy Scout Park, Lafayette and Barbour Aves., .32.

Collett Park, 7th and Maple Ave., 21.1.

Deming Park, Fruitridge and Ohio Blvd., 160.

Dobbs Memorial Grove, East Poplar St., 105.

Fairbanks Park and Dresser Drive, South 1st St.—Swan to Cruft, 38 and 103.81.

Graham Park, 1401 South 17th St., .96.

Herz-Rose Park, 1515 Locust St., 5.18.

Hyte Center, 13½-14th and Deming St., 5.

Memorial Park, 3rd to 6th between 7th and 8th Aves., 9.77.

Paul Dresser Memorial, U.S. 40, West of River Bridge, 6.

Rea Park Golf Course, 7th and Davis Avenue, 160.

Rea Park Residence, 1115

Davis Ave. (On Golf Course Grounds).

Sheridan Park, 2825 Buckeye St., 6.5.

Spencer F. Ball Field, 14th to 15th St., 7th to 8th Aves., 9.86.

Curtis Gilbert Park (formerly Steeg Park), 1431 Wabash Avenue, 3.85.

Thompson Park, 1721 Oak Street, 4.73.

Torner House Girls' Club, 1107 South 4th St., 1.34.

Voorhees Park, 230 West Voorhees St., 17.40.

Washington, Booker T., 1101 South 13th St., 4.

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City Receives Second
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Brittlebank Check

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On July 5 the city received the first installment — a check for \$44,000.

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Brittlebank Family

Brittlebank, Julius.

FAMILY FILE

Council Accepts

Park Money Gift

BY CARL JONES

The Terre Haute City Council unanimously approved acceptance of an \$89,000 bequest to be used for the establishment of a park and awarded a contract for six new buses to the Jack Thrasher Ford Sales Inc. in a special meeting Monday night.

The money bequest, from the estate of a former Terre Haute resident, Julius Brittlebank, stipulates the bequest must be used to establish and maintain a city park to be named Brittlebank Park. The council voted to accept the money, but made no move to select a site for the park.

It was pointed out by Golby Uhler, executive director of the Department of Redevelopment, who addressed the council, that if the park site meets certain qualifications, Terre Haute may come under federal legislation whereby the government would match the \$89,000, making a total of \$178,000 available for the park.

Council President Walter Cook, who was unable to attend the meeting, had previously

suggested the money be used toward the purchase of the Vigo County Fairgrounds, which could be named "Brittlebank Park."

Uhler was not sure whether the fairgrounds would enable Terre Haute to qualify for the matching federal funds, however, since the fairgrounds are not located within the city limits.

City Attorney Frank Crawford pointed out the city's jurisdiction for parks extends five miles beyond the city limits, and so there is still a possibility the fairgrounds could be purchased with the federal funds.

Uhler said there are two separate methods by which Terre Haute could qualify for the

matching funds. He said this could be done either by locating the park site at a now vacant area, or by removing some present buildings from a blighted area and situating the park on that site.

An amendment proposed by Councilman Frank McGlone whereby disbursement of the funds for the park could not be made without approval of the city council was passed unanimously.

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The approval of the contract for the six new 22-passenger buses will complete the renovation of Terre Haute's transportation system begun Dec. 19, when the city added 12 new buses to the city's system. The six old buses that have been kept in operation since that time will be replaced by the six contracted for Monday night.

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Councilman McGlone raised some question as to whether the bid of Jack Thrasher Ford Sales Inc., was the lowest bid on the new buses, but upon his being assured by City Attorney Crawford that it was actually the lowest bid, the resolution passed unanimously.

William Butts acted as president of the council Monday in

the absence of President Cook. Council member Dr. Malcolm Boone was also absent from Monday's meeting. Those in attendance besides Butts and McGlone were members William Ennis, Lawrence Jones, Leonard Kirchner, Katherine Myrtle, and William Jarvis. Mayor Ralph Tucker was also in attendance.

The council voted to recess until the next regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15.

Council to Rule On Park Bequest

Members of Terre Haute's City Council were to share a labor of love Monday night—figuring out the legal way to accept a bequest of \$89,000.

Two other communities — Charleston, S. C., and Mt. Vernon, Ind. — experienced little

difficulty with the problem. They accepted the gift from the estate of a former Terre Haute native, Julius Brittlebank, who rose to the directorship of a multi-million dollar corporation in Charleston.

As far as local officials are concerned, there is only one stumbling block to accepting the money. The money must be used to establish and maintain a city park to be named Brittlebank Park and in light of the shrunken shape of the 20th century dollar, this stipulation presents a difficult problem.

As one municipal officer points out, the bequest won't even pay the park department's water bill. Last year, the city spent nearly \$150,000 on water alone.

Suggest Fairgrounds

One councilman, Walter Cook, has suggested that the money be used to purchase the Vigo County Fairgrounds and naming it "Brittlebank Park." The council president says the Wabash Valley Fair Association has offered to donate the property to the community if association debts amounting to nearly \$125,000 by 1970 are as-

sumed.

The park board has already voted unanimously to accept the bequest. William L. White, board president, sums up the board's feeling on the matter by explaining: "I don't see how we can turn down \$89,000. It is that simple."

As far as the legality of acquiring the fairground property is concerned, City Attorney Frank Crawford says he thinks the community would be acting within the terms of the bequest. Under existing laws, the city may establish a park within five miles of the city limits.

At least two municipal councilmen, Democrat William Butts and Republican William Ennis, say they think the city should accept the money. Both think details can be worked out.

But one city councilman, Democrat William Jarvis, isn't so sure he likes the strings attached to the offer.

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Set Up Trust Fund

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Whether or not the name Brittlebank is placed at the entrance of a city park, joining the names of Collett, Voorhees, Thompson, Deming, Rea and other prominent Terre Haute residents for whom many of the public parks have been named may be decided by the city council at Monday's meeting.

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THE INDIANA STATESMAN

trust fund use debated

Julius Brittlebank, born April 11, 1865 in Terre Haute, left his family trust to be divided among three cities providing his family was ever extinguished.

Terre Haute, Charleston, South Carolina, and Mt. Vernon Indiana, are the three cities which the trust was divided among when Brittlebank's son Frank died without heir on November 26, 1966.

The trust amounted to approximately \$89,000 per city. Brittlebank had requested in his will that his family was to live off the interest of his trust until his family ever was extinguished, then the trust was to be divided and used to establish a park in each of the three cities in his honor and bearing the name Julius Brittlebank Park. The Terre Haute money has been invested and is now approximately \$117,000 according to City Attorney George Toffaute.

Currently, there is a controversy over whether the money should be used for a park in front of the Civic Amphitheater, which is a plan of Mayor Larrison, or to use it for a park idea of mayor-elect Brighton.

Julius Brittlebank was the son of Julius and Martha J. (Whaley) Brittlebank. Both his mother and father were from well known families. His mother was from

the Virginia family of Whaleys and his father was from a British family. One of his ancestors was Edward Whaley who was a cousin of Oliver Cromwell. His Grandfather Frank Brittlebank was a British officer.

Brittlebank was educated in schools in Terre Haute. He began working as an office boy in a Terre Haute grits factory. He progressed to an organizer and director of the Hudnut Milling Company, which later became the American Hominy Company. He continued for 49 years to work in some capacity with this six million dollar enterprise.

He was very fond of traveling and began while he was quite young to travel the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and even out West as far as California. He traveled even more extensively after he retired.

In 1889 he moved to Charleston, S.C. and became involved with many enterprises. A particular interest was the first "strictly office" building in Charleston, the Exchange Bank & Trust Co. building. It was one of the first of these office buildings in the United States.

He was a director of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. He was very fond of opera and did much of this traveling because of his love for it. He attended the principal

operatic centers of the world and the Russian ballets when the Czar was imperial patron. At the Metropolitan House in New York, he heard more than a thousand performances. He also became familiar with the voices and styles of the famous singers of his time.

For over 50 years he was a Mason. He was a charter member of Omar Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mustic Shrine. Brittlebank was also a Knight Templar and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

In his travels he visited major cities of the United States and the Dominion of Canada. He made at least two visits to Alaska. Brittlebank was in attendance for the coronation Dunbar of George the Fifth of England as Emperor of India.

His last visit to Terre Haute was in 1931 when he was entertained in the Terre Haute House by the members of the Half-Century Club. In his early life here he lived on the west side of North and Second streets and between Cherry and Mulberry streets.

Brittlebank married Nanny A. Simpson. He died July 25, 1937 in Honolulu while making his 18th trip around the world. He was 78 years old.

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Larrison halts action for amphitheater park

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No further action will be taken on the use of the Brittlebank money for a park in front of the civic amphitheater. Mayor Larrison stated in his weekly press conference that the park was too far in the future to make any plans at the present time since the buildings themselves haven't even been torn down yet around the Indiana State University campus.

Contracts for city unionization have been received but Mayor Larrison doesn't know as yet if they have been signed. He also stated that there is no way a city can stop unionization as it is happening in almost every city across the country. Larrison commented that there shouldn't be any increased costs if the efficiency of the employees is kept up.

Mayor Larrison commented that in the city council meeting on Wednesday the land around the courthouse will be discussed as a possible site for the new city-county building. The contract has been drawn up by Urban Renewal and the money is available.

The State Board of Accounts will check over the contract and money and present the findings to the council, Larrison stated. The

present buildings will have to be erased to make room for the new building. The Mayor commented that he thought the contract could be settled before the Jan. 1 deadline.

In regard to the Fruitridge project, Larrison said that it was coming along well and was right on schedule. Traffic on Blakely Avenue has presented some problems but either the street department or the contractor will maintain the roads and should correct the problem sometime today.

"No city administration can do financially better," stated Mayor Larrison in regard to the city bus service. He commented that the main problem was with the lack of riders of the buses and stated that the bus service would continue to deteriorate if the number of riders didn't pick up. The buses are getting old and can't be replaced with either federal or local money because there aren't enough funds.

When questioned about the change over of administration, Larrison commented that he thought the main problem he foresees in the new administration is getting into the routine of the jobs and what needs to be done for the citizens of Terre Haute.

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Council to Consider Park Money Offer

By JOE WAGNER

Instead of the usual attempts to obtain funds or transfer appropriations, the Terre Haute City Council, which will meet in special session Monday night, will come face-to-face with a unique problem — that of accepting an \$89,000 bequest.

The money, from the estate of a former Terre Haute resident, Julius Brittlebank, who rose to the directorship of a multi-million dollar corporation in Charleston, S. C., stipulates the bequest must be used to establish and maintain a city park, to be named Brittlebank Park.

Brittlebank, who died in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 25, 1937, while

making his 18th trip around the world, left similar bequests to Charleston, S. C. and Mt. Vernon, Ind.

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The Charleston city council met in emergency session last Tuesday night and adopted a resolution in which Brittlebank was highly praised and in which Charleston's share of the money was swiftly claimed.

Mt. Vernon's city attorney, Francis Knowles, told the Star Sunday night the council in that city met last Monday night and tentatively accepted the bequest. Mt. Vernon, a city of

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about 10,000 population, at present has five city parks.

Knowles said Brittlebank worked as a young executive in one of Mt. Vernon's industries, hence the remembrance in the will.

Mayor Ralph Tucker called the special council meeting for 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Tucker said Friday he is in favor of accepting the funds if the details can be worked out.

A number of other elected and appointed city officials have expressed interest in the proposition.

Upon learning of the offer Wednesday night, Walter C. Cook, president of the council, suggested the money be used for the purchase of the Vigo County Fairgrounds and naming it "Brittlebank Park."

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In December, the Wabash Valley Fair Association raised the suggestion of donating the fair real-estate and property to the Vigo County and Recreation Board, if that group would assume payment of debts owed.

At the December meeting it was brought out the fair association will be faced with debts amounting to nearly \$125,000 by 1970.

Ray Ingram, elected president at the meeting, named a study committee composed of William A. Neimeyer, Guy T. Harris, Forrest Sherer and Kermit Nees to investigate the proposed transfer. It was learned Sunday no definite plans have been decided upon.

Last Friday, the Terre Haute Board of Park Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the bequest.

Sunday, William L. White, board president said, "I don't feel we can turn down \$89,000. The location of the park will have to be determined by committee, of course."

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When asked about the fairgrounds site, White said, "It might be allright. It would certainly provide the city with plenty of storage space which we are badly in need of since the facilities at Memorial Stadium will soon be taken over by Indiana State University."

Questioned as to the legality of acquiring the property, should the fairgrounds be available, City Attorney Frank Crawford said, "I would think it legal. It is not an existing park." He said, "I have seen the will. The bequest specifies the city must establish a park, to be perpetually maintained and perpetually known as Brittlebank Park, for the perpetual use of Terre Haute citizens."

By statute, according to Crawford, the city may establish a park within five miles of the city limits.

Three city councilman Sunday were asked their views on accepting the bequest.

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William Butts, Democrat, said "I think it is a good idea. The money can always be used."

Democrat William Jarvis said, "I think we should turn the money down. I would like the bequest accepted, provided there no strings connected with it."

The newest member of the council, William Ennis, a Republican, said, "I think the idea is fine. The problem may arise as to where to locate the pro-

posed park, but I think the idea is worth a lot of consideration."

In his will, Brittlebank set up a trust fund of \$368,000 in bonds and municipals. A son, Frank, The Planes, Va., was to live off the interest until his death and what was left over was to go to any grandchildren.

The son died Nov. 26, 1966, and there were no known heirs. A codicil to the will stipulated that if there were no distributees to the estate after the death of Frank Brittlebank, the money should go to Terre Haute, Charleston and Mt. Vernon for creation of public parks.

The will further states the trustees of the estate will be absolutely discharged from his duties when city officials give notice they have accepted terms of the offer.

Whether or not the name Brittlebank is placed at the entrance of a city park, joining the names of Collett, Voorhees, Thompson, Deming, Rea and other prominent Terre Haute residents for whom many of the public parks have been named may be decided by the city council at Monday's meeting.

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\$89,000 Left to City, If Used for A Memorial Park

Municipal officials Thursday accept such bequests. In making his announcement pertaining to the meeting the mayor said, "I would assume thereafter this would require approval of the Common Council."

Curious Story

Julius Brittlebank, who rose from a \$3-a-week bookkeeper to the directorship of a multi-million dollar corporation, left a trust fund to be divided equally among Charleston, S. C., Mt. Vernon, Ind., and Terre Haute. However, if one or two of the cities do not agree to the terms of the will, one would receive the entire trust fund—\$268,000.

A son, Frank, died last year, and left no known heirs. Charleston has already claimed its share of the fund.

Mayor Ralph Tucker Thursday announced plans for a special Park Board meeting for 9 a.m. Friday for the purpose of discussing this communication in as much as the Park Board is vested with the authority to

The story of Brittlebank is as curious as his will. He was born in Terre Haute in 1859. The Terre Haute City Directory of 1858 lists a Brittlebank, who lived at Second and Cherry Streets and describes his occupation as a bookkeeper. Probably, he was the father of the Brittlebank who left the will.

The Directory of 1878 lists Julius Brittlebank as a clerk for Hudnut Co., which manufactured hominy, grits, corn flour, pearl meal and corn meal in an establishment at 400 N. 3rd St.

The names of other Brittlebanks are found in the directories of the 1850s, and the listings trace the careers of a fam-

ily of bookkeepers, who frequently moved from one company to another.

In 1889, Julius is listed as a travelling agent for Hudnut. In that year, he disappears from Terre Haute records and re-appears in Charleston records.

The files of The Charleston (S. C.) Evening Post show that Brittlebank made South Carolina his home in 1889. The records there chronicle his rise to director of the American Hominy Co., a concern with assets worth \$6 million.

His financial interests broadened and he came to have a hand in 42 other businesses in Charleston.

According to other notations, Brittlebank became an opera buff, probably because of the influence of a lady friend. He said he had seen 1,200 operas. He was made a director of the Charleston Symphonic Orchestra.

Other clippings give the impression Terre Haute's benefactor was a man of great wit and charm, who was given to dropping in at newspaper of-

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Brittlebank, Julius

Brittlebank Gift Before Council

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By PAT BARNES
Tribune Staff Writer

Members of the Terre Haute City Council will meet in special session at 7:30 p.m. Monday for discussion of Resolution No. 10, 1968, calling for the acceptance of an \$89,000 bequest from the late Julius Brittlebank and Special Ordinance No. 14, 1968, calling for council approval of appointments of a six-member Human Relations Commission by Mayor Leland Larrison.

The special council session has been called by Mayor Larrison who said that Resolution No. 10 must be accepted by the council as prescribed by law.

The city's chief executive said he has been in contact with a Charleston, N.C., bank which is in charge of the Brittlebank estate. Bank officials at Charleston, Mayor Larrison said, are presently awaiting word from Terre Haute before releasing the \$89,000 gift. The mayor said he has received a number of official papers from the bank which must be signed and returned. Also, Mayor Larrison said a copy of Resolution No. 10 must be sent to the Charleston bank.

The story of Julius Brittlebank, a former Terre Haute resident, is filled with excitement and adventure. Records indicate that Brittlebank rose from a \$3-a-week bookkeeper to the directorship of a multi-million dollar corporation. He was born in Terre Haute in 1859. According to the Terre Haute city directory of 1858, it lists Brittlebank, who lived at 2nd and Cherry Sts., as a bookkeeper. In a later copy of the city directory, 1878, it lists him as a clerk for Hudnut Co., which manufactured hominy grits, pearl meal and

corn meal in an establishment at 400 N. 3rd St.

Brittlebank was said to have moved to Charleston, S.C., in 1889. He died in 1937 and left one surviving son, who died in 1966.

The will which Brittlebank left stated he would divide a trust fund of \$268,000 among three cities, one of which was Terre Haute, for the establishment of a park bearing his name.

Special Ordinance No. 14, creating a Human Relations Commission in Terre Haute was passed by the City Council by a vote of 9-0 April 17, and was signed by Mayor Leland Larrison the following day.

Mayor Larrison will appoint six members to the 15-member board. His appointments to the commission must be approved by the council. The remaining nine members will be appointed by the council.

The Mayor said he has a list of persons he wishes to serve on the commission and he will present them to the council at Monday night's meeting.

The composition of the 15 members will be about one-third Negroes, the Mayor said. He has also said he felt representatives of the entire community should be involved in solving human relation problems in Terre Haute.

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JULIUS BRITTLEBANK.

Frequently called the "American Marco Polo", JULIUS BRITTLEBANK is Charleston's greatest traveler and greatest opera devotee. Nine times in nine years he has circumnavigated the globe, having been a sightseer in all parts. He intends to start on another world-girdling tour in June. Travel and opera have been Mr. Brittlebank's hobbies for many years. His scrap book furnishes travel features of uncommon interest.

Mr. Brittlebank is an adopted Charlestonian, having transplanted himself here in 1889. He was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, April 11, 1859, a son of Julius and Martha J. (Whaley) Brittlebank. His grandfather, Frank Brittlebank, was a British officer who became a sugar planter in British Guiana. His father was also a sugar planter in British Guiana, coming to the United States after the slaves in British Guiana were emancipated. He became a pork packer in Indiana. His mother was a member of an old and distinguished Virginia family.

Educated in Terre Haute schools, Julius Brittlebank was early a traveler. As a lad he journeyed up and down the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and to California and other parts of the Far West where he saw herds of buffalo and thousands of cattle on the plains. The more he traveled, the more he wished to travel. He has always derived peculiar pleasure from visiting in strange places. His penchant for travel has brought him into peril many times. Almost by an eyelash he got out of Germany as the World War broke upon a startled world.

In the workaday world, Mr. Brittlebank started as an office boy in a grits factory in Terre Haute. In due course he was an organizer and director of the Hudnut Milling Company, which subsequently became the American Hominy Company, a six-million-dollar enterprise. He continued with this company for forty-nine years in some capacity.

During his active years in Charleston Mr. Brittlebank was connected with many enterprises. He was interested in the first strictly office building in Charleston, the Exchange Bank & Trust Co. building, and one of the first in the United States. He has been a director of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. He has been a Mason fifty years, belonging to most of the Masonic bodies at Charleston; a charter member of Omar Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a Knight Templar and 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Due to his wide and frequent traveling, articles about Mr. Brittlebank have been published in newspapers in practically every important city in the world. He has often needed an interpreter to translate what has been run through the presses about him. Mr. Brittlebank has been discussed in many languages. He has achieved probably as much personal publicity as any American, as his voluminous scrap-books reveal. Some of these articles go back fifty years.

Mr. Brittlebank has been in all the American States and in every important town in the country, in the principal towns of the Dominion of Canada and has made two trips to Alaska. He has been eye-witness of scenes in every important war in the last fifty years. He has also attended many notable events, including the Coronation Durbar of George the Fifth of England as Emperor of India. He saw the extraordinary spectacle of a native Indian Prince turning his back on his Emperor and Empress, a scene deleted from the motion pictures of the gorgeous exhibition at Delhi. Sitting later in the Academy of Music, Charleston, Mr. Brittlebank called attention to this omission from the kinemacolor pictures projected on the screen.

An enthusiastic votary of grand opera, Mr. Brittlebank has been known to travel all the way to Paris, France, in order to hear a favorite singer in a particular opera. He has heard opera in all the principal operatic centers, and the famous Russian ballets when the Czar of all the Russias was their imperial patron. He has heard more than a thousand performances of operas in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, alone. He is familiar with the voices and artistic characteristics of all the celebrated singers.

When he arrived in London in September last, Mr. Brittlebank interested English reporters when he inquired, "What is being done to London?" The London Daily Mail quoted Mr. Brittlebank: "I've been in the habit of staying in the Hotel Cecil almost ever since it was built; and when I come to stay in it now, what do I find? A heap of dust and rubble! And who is it that is knocking down Park Lane? Who is it that got's a dislike of the old mansions? I tell you there is more change going on in London than I have seen anywhere else in the world!"

Mr. Brittlebank has been nine times around the world in nine years. In all, he has circumnavigated the globe eleven times! When he sets forth in June, 1931, it will be the twelfth time. He has been in news, feature and in the photogravure sections of many newspapers in many lands. The Derbyshire Times, of Chesterfield, England, described Mr. Brittlebank as "one of America's most interesting globe-trotters." It proceeds: "Mr. Brittlebank comes of a Derbyshire family and is a relative of Mr. F. S. J. Brittlebank, of Chesterfield." The Brittlebank estates are in Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

It is appropriate here to recall an incident occurring in Java. Mr. Brittlebank was in conversation with a lady from Australia. His name interested her. Through her he established contact with his kinspeople, the Brittlebanks of Australia. Mr. Brittlebank later improved the opportunity of looking up his relatives in Australia and has made two trips there to meet them. Charles C. Brittlebank of Melbourne, one of his relatives there, is an important government official.

His mother was of the well-known Virginia family of Whaleys. An ancestor of Mr. Brittlebank was the Wyamus Whaley who was a standard bearer under William the Conqueror and who was knighted by him. Edward Whaley was a cousin of Oliver Cromwell and with him signed the death warrant for Charles the First. A branch of the Whaley family has lived on Edisto Island, Charleston, County, for many generations; they have been a prominent family of plantation owners.

During his active years in Charleston, Mr. Brittlebank has been interested in forty-two business enterprises. He has always believed in promoting things that work to the town's advantage. He travels here, there, everywhere, South America, South Africa, the South Seas, the Orient, the Levant, the Steppes of old Russia—but always Mr. Brittlebank comes home, and home is Charleston. Mr. Brittlebank will attest that there are many lovely scapes over the globe, but that the view from South Battery is incomparable, that the splendor of the old gardens up the Ashley River surpasses the wonders of the great gardens of Kew, London.

Mr. Brittlebank married Nanny A. Simpson. Their son is Frank Brittlebank, of Virginia.

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Norwood G. Green, the agent, said West claimed credit for bringing about Roosevelt's nomination at Chicago in 1932, and had written several letters to the president demanding "either a job or adequate compensation for services rendered."
West, a Puerto Rican, and an ordained minister, has lived here 18 years. He said he was a graduate of Drexel Institute and the University of Michigan. West told police he "obtained the nomination for Roosevelt by transmitting thought messages to 36 convention delegates."

AIR SERVICE MECHANICS' REGIMENT HOLDS REUNION
INDIANAPOLIS, July 25.—(A)—Samuel Show of Louisville, Ky., will head Co. 5 of the First Air Service Mechanics' Regiment Association for the next year following his election as president at the third annual reunion of the organization here.
William Brown of Kokomo was elected secretary of the northern division, Ralph Reibsoner of Connersville, secretary for the eastern section, and Everett Lipe of Louisville, secretary for the southern and western divisions.
Indiana, Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky were represented by the 80 members of the company who attended the reunion yesterday. Co. 5 was detailed to the French army during its first 18 months in France and later was recalled for duty with the American army for the last seven months of the World War.

ASK JUDGE BALTZELL TO LOWER WOMAN'S BOND
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 26.—(UP)—Federal Judge Robert Baltzell today was asked to reduce the bond of Mrs. Mildred Winters, alias Raynolds, alleged to have participated in the robbery of a federal bank at Grand Rapids, Mich., in which \$10,000 was stolen.
Mrs. Winters, held on charges of conspiracy to commit a felony, is being held with Ray Stevens, who is under \$5,000 bond. Stevens was arrested by federal agents when he visited Mrs. Winters in a hospital. He is being held for Michigan authorities.
Judge Baltzell made no decision on the bond reduction and asked the district attorney's office to learn who is trying to free Mrs. Winters on bail.

workers to join unions and to increase the rights of employers under the Wagner Act.
Fix Minimum Wage.
The wage and hour bill would give to a national board power to fix a minimum wage of not more than 40 cents an hour and a maximum work week of not less than 40 hours for each industry in interstate commerce.
Goods produced in violation of these standards or manufactured by child labor would be barred from interstate commerce. That provision refers to children under 16 and, in the case of hazardous occupations under 18.
Retail employees, agricultural laborers, seamen, fishermen and most railroad employees are not covered by the bill. Others exempted are persons employed in an executive, administrative or professional capacity.
Wage and hour standards could be fixed by the five-man board only after appointment of an advisory committee, representing both labor and management, and after public hearings."

JULIUS BRITTLEBANK DIES IN HONOLULU HOSPITAL

Julius Brittlebank, 78-year-old Charleston, S. C., broker and former Terre Hautean, died suddenly yesterday at Honolulu as he began his eighteenth world cruise.
Cause of the unexpected death was not known last night. Only a brief announcement was received here.
The death of the elderly student and traveler closed a career familiar to hundreds of Terre Haute residents who followed Brittlebank's newspaper accounts of his visits to far corners of the earth.
Brittlebank had lived in Charleston for more than forty years, yet by correspondence and occasional visits he maintained almost constant interest in Terre Haute.
Born in Virginia in 1859, Brittlebank was brought to Terre Haute by his parents when his father moved north to become eventually head bookkeeper of the Jacob D. Early Packing Company here. He was educated in Terre Haute schools and worked for a number of years in local mills.
Brittlebank's world trips, which carried him thousands of miles into practically every country, had built for him a reputation as an observer. Many Terre Haute friends received letters describing his travels and accounts of his world trips have been published by many newspapers here and in other states.

naute. Funeral services will be held from the Christian church in North Terre Haute Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MRS. JUANITA REED.
Mrs. Juanita Reed, 30 years old, of Liggett, Ind., died Sunday evening at St. Anthony's hospital. She is survived by the husband, Albert Reed; one daughter, Aloia; the mother, Mrs. Ida Shepard; two sisters, Beula Rollins and Marie Davis, and two brothers, Robert and Arnold Shepard. Funeral services will be held at the residence of the mother, 42 South Sixth street, West Terre Haute, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be made at Bethesda cemetery.

CLARA REBECCA BARRETT.
Clara Rebecca Barrett, 6-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Barrett, of 316 South First street, died at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at St. Anthony's hospital. Besides the parents, she is survived by four brothers, James, Jackie, Billy and Paul, and by two sisters, Alice and Virginia. The body was taken to the Gillis funeral home.

JAKE C. WEST.
Special To The Tribune.
LINTON, Ind., July 26.—One of Linton's well known residents and grocery men, Jake C. West, 73 years old, died Saturday at the family home following an illness of one year. He had been bedfast during the past three weeks. Mr. West, who was born in Greene county May 1, 1853, had been a resident of this community throughout his entire life, was widely known and respected. He was a member of the Baptist church and the I. O. O. F. Rebecca and Eagles lodges and was active in their affairs. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Rachel M. West and the following children: Mrs. Ethel Murdock, Goshen; Troy West, Elmer West and Mrs. Pearl Wright, all of Linton, and a stepson, George E. Hawk, of Grayville. Also surviving are ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and the following sisters: Mrs. Minnie Bicknell, Linton; Mrs. Hattie Beck, Bloomfield; Mrs. Ann Stafford, Sandborn, and Mrs. Amanda Ryan, Indianapolis. Funeral rites will be conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the family home. Burial will be in the Stafford cemetery.

HUSBAND KILLS WOMAN AS SHE GOES TO CHURCH

UTICA, N. Y., July 26.—(A)—A Utica woman was shot to death while walking to church yesterday, the victim, District Attorney John J. McGinty said, of her estranged husband's jealous rage.
Shortly after Mrs. Genevieve Talerico Scarano, 39, fell under a fusillade of bullets as scores of other church-goers looked on horror-stricken, McGinty announced that the husband, Vitoantonio Scarano, 45, had confessed the shooting.

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LINTON BOY SCOUTS VISIT CATARACT FALLS

Special To The Tribune.
LINTON, Ind., Aug. 9.—A bus load
of Linton Boy Scouts left Sunday
for an all-week outing at Cataract
Falls state park near Spencer.
The Linton group of scouts and
leaders gathered at headquarters at
9 o'clock Sunday morning prepared
for the trip. Scoutmaster Roy
Glenn and Assistant Scoutmaster
Bob Tarbett accompanied the troop
on the outing. The camp at Catar-
act Falls each year during the time
it has been held here has attracted
a large number of scouts from the
White River area.
Linton Scouts attending the camp
are: Peltier, Geatches, Dyer, Mur-
dock, Walton, Cox, Coulter, Oniones,
Taylor, Houldson, Moody, Kelley,
Gilmoure, Kellar, Hopkins, Pigg,
Lehman, McGriffin, Taylor, Belvins,
Bowers, Harbin and Clayton.

BRITTLEBANK FUNERAL WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY

A news dispatch from Washing-
ton, D. C., to The Tribune states
that the body of Julius Brittlebank,
who died suddenly July 25 at Hono-
lulu, has arrived there and is rest-
ing at a local funeral home.
Funeral services will be held on
Wednesday morning at the grave-
side at Sheron cemetery, Middle-
burg, Va. Brittlebank, a former res-
ident of Terre Haute, was a noted
world traveler and was on a trip
around the globe when he died.

RESCUE 26 OFF GROUNDED SHIP AT VANCOUVER ISLE

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 9.—(AP)
—A Canadian lifeboat rescued 26
crew men from the Greek freighter,
Nereus, after the 6,694-ton vessel
went aground on Beale rocks on
the west side of Vancouver island
today. Messages from Pachena
Point radio station said the rescue
boat had returned to try to take
off six men who remained on board
at their own request.

HELEN HOWARD, diver,
realizes what healthy nerves
mean. Does she smoke? "I
smoke as many Camels as I
please," Helen says.

CAPT. BILL
fishing skip-
a tough fight
when I feel
'lift' in energy.

AUCTIONEER. "I work at a
tense pace," says John M.
Mitchell. "Jittery nerves? No!
My cigarette never gets on
my nerves. It's Camel."

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HUNT CLUES IN BABY KIDNAPING

**ew Clothes On Child Recovered
By Mystery Call May Lead
to Abductor.**

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—(UP)—Police displayed expensive new swaddling clothes before north side store clerks today seeking the woman who stole three-months-old Diane Lucas from her carriage and abandoned her on a doorstep less than an hour later.

Diane was found on the rear steps of a north side apartment late yesterday after an anonymous tip to police headquarters.

"A baby will be found on the rear steps at 7420 Damen avenue," said a voice on the police telephone. Diane was wearing the new clothes and wrapped in a new white blanket. She was unharmed. Police said it substantiated their belief a woman with an "exaggerated mother complex" seized Diane from her carriage in front of a grocery store late Monday while her mother shopped. The kidnaper came frightened by the extensive search and realization of what she had done, police said.

There had been no ransom demand and said the father, Herman Lucas, poor Armenian rug mender, was in no position to pay one. He said he had no enemies.

A meagre, second-hand report of a woman who handled babies in their carriages along the north side street where Diane was kidnapped is now being investigated. The information came from a drug store clerk repeating the words of a customer she did not know.

Diane's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Lucas, 22, wept hysterically when she recovered the child from the 3rd Park police station.

UNDER MOTOR CARRIERS TO CEASE OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission ordered 59 Indiana motor carriers today to cease operations in interstate or foreign commerce.

The orders will be effective on dates varying from Sept. 20 through Oct. 24, unless on motion of the commission or for cause shown by applicants other orders are issued.

CITY BENEFITS BY BRITTLEBANK WILL

**One-Third of Large Estate Eventually to Be Available For
Park Purposes.**

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 25.—The city of Terre Haute will receive one-third of the estate of the late Julius Brittlebank, world traveler, at the death of his son, Frank Brittlebank, of Washington and Middleburg, Va., under the terms of Brittlebank's will, probated here yesterday.

The testament sets up a trust fund for his son, whereby he is to obtain the income from the estate during his lifetime. At his death the estate is to be divided equally among the cities of Terre Haute and Mount Vernon, Ind., and Charleston, for the creation of parks to be known as Brittlebank park.

The value of the estate has been appraised at \$325,000.

Julius Brittlebank died unexpectedly July 23 in Honolulu, having suffered a heart attack aboard the President Polk the previous Saturday while on his eighteenth trip around the world. Mr. Brittlebank estimated he had traveled about 2,000,000 miles and had spent more than \$100,000 on travel.

He was a son of Julius Brittlebank and Mrs. Martha J. Whaley Brittlebank and was born April 11, 1859. He was interested at one time or another in forty-two business enterprises.

He lived in Terre Haute for a good many years, the old home being on First street between Cherry and Mulberry streets. He is said to have planned to purchase this block and present it to Terre Haute for a park, but his death cut short his plans.

While a resident here he was bookkeeper for the Hudson Milling Co., and moved from here to Charleston, S. C., to buy grain for the company there. He got into the sugar and cotton brokerage business and from this amassed his fortune.

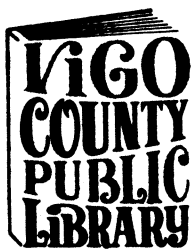
*J. H. Brittlebank
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Brittlebank, Julius file

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**WONDERFUL
for BEAUTY**
IF (IN TIRED OF) TRY SOMETHING

Brittlebank, Julius



Charles F. S. Briggs
Farm Cottage
The Bridlepath off Cedric Rd.
Edenthorpe
Doncaster DN 3 2 HS
S. Yorkshire, England

May 16, 1990

We do have a small file on Julius Brittlebank, and I am sending you a copy of a typescript giving quite a bit of information on him. Apparently he sent the article to the library in 1932. I suspect he had a hand in writing it as well as several of the news articles published about him. The file also contains several letters he wrote to a Mr. Gilbert and a Mr. Scott and to the local historical society during the 1920s. However, none of the letters gives any more information on his family. He seemed not to know the names of any paternal ancestors earlier than his grandfather.

The 1860 Vigo county IN census listed the family in the north half of the first ward of Terre Haute. Julius Brittlebank, the father, was a 33 year old clerk born in "Guyana S.A." The mother, Martha J., was age 43 and born in Virginia. Eight year old Frank was born in Maryland and one year old Julius in Indiana. The family was still in the north half of the first ward in 1870. By that time the father was a bookkeeper and gave his age as 49, while Martha was age 54. Frank's birthplace was listed as Virginia. The parents died in Terre Haute and were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Julius on 14 Aug. 1879, age 59, and Martha J. on 14 May 1881, age 64.

I don't believe there are any surviving members of this family. Julius Brittlebank, the financier, died 25 July 1937 in Honolulu HI leaving a trust fund for his son Frank. When the son died without heirs in 1966, a codicil to Julius' will stipulated that the money be divided equally among three cities - Charleston SC, Mt. Vernon IN, and Terre Haute IN - on the condition that it be used to establish public parks named Brittlebank. That was done, and there is a Brittlebank Park in Terre Haute today.

Since Julius spent much of his life in Charleston SC, I wonder whether the Charleston County Library, 404 King St., Charleston SC 29403, might have more information.

Nancy Sherrill

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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England.

The Person in Charge,
The Reference Dept.
Dear Sir,

Recently, while going through certain family documents, I came across some press cuttings reporting the round the world travels of the well-known millionaire businessman and financier Julius Brittlebank, who I understand to have been born in Terre Haute on April 11, 1859. I also unearthed a letter written by him to an uncle of mine, expressing an interest in the village of Winster in the county of Derbyshire, and saying how he had made a point of visiting there during his trip to London. It appears from the press reports that Julius B. had always claimed descent from the Brittlebanks of Derbyshire, and since my great-grandmother Elizabeth Brittlebank was herself born in Winster, I was naturally curious as to the possibility of some connection between her family and the Brittlebanks of America. I would therefore be most grateful for any information you may have regarding Julius's ancestry, or, failing that, any advice you may be able to give me as to where such information may be obtained. My thanks once again for any help you can give me, and at the same time my assurance that I will, of course, reimburse you in full for any expenses incurred in doing so.

Sincerely yours,
Charles F.S.Briggs

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BRITTLEBANK—Thursday morning, May 12th, Mrs. Martha J. Brittlebank, aged 64 years.

Funeral Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 114 north Second street.

Friends of the family are invited to attend.

From: Jim Gilson
To: andrewb@ttec.com.au
Date: 1/27/04 9:13AM
Subject: Re: question about Julius Brittlebank

Hello Andrew--

Thanks for the question about Julius Brittlebank. It was a fun question to do research on. The files I looked at did address in general his genealogy on both sides of the family and I can send that if you wish. And we do have a few letters that he sent to individuals in Terre Haute. However, I decided that for now, I would send what I have found on Julius's biography and on Brittlebank Park. Let me know and I will be glad to send you a general list of what we have.

Jim Gilson
Special Collections Dept.
Vigo County Public Library
Terre Haute, IN 47807
USA

Here it is:

Julius Brittlebank was born in Terre Haute to Julius and Martha J. Whaley Brittlebank in 1859. He lived at Second and Cherry Streets which is near the Wabash River and the present-day campus of Indiana State University. Accounts are sketchy on the amount of education he received but it appears he was probably a teenager when he started work as a \$3.00 a week bookkeeper during the Reconstruction Era for Hudnut and Company which manufactured hominy and grits. He moved up quickly in the company eventually becoming a director of the Hudnut Milling Company. The company later became the American Hominy Company with over six million dollars in assets. Brittlebank continued with the company for a total of 49 years in a variety of capacities.

Brittlebank left Terre Haute for Charleston, South Carolina in 1889 and was involved in 42 separate businesses.

Secure in his financial affairs, Brittlebank traveled around the world 18 times before his death in 1937. He was once quoted as telling a reporter that he had put all his money in government bonds and now he was going to "blow every cent." According to an article written by the City Parks Superintendent in 1984, at the beginning of his final world tour at the age of 72, Brittlebank is quoted as saying, "I will advance with every lady on ship." According to this newspaper article he reportedly returned regularly to Terre Haute.

Brittlebank died in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 25, 1937 during his 18th around-the-world trip. He set aside a trust of \$268,000 in his will for his son Frank who was to live off the interest until his death. The trust would be then be passed along to any grandchildren. A codicil to the will stipulated that if there were no heirs to the estate after Frank's death the money should be equally divided among three cities in which he had lived and wanted to be remembered: Charleston, South Carolina; Mount Vernon, Indiana; and Terre Haute, Indiana. The three cities would have to comply with three stipulations: 1) establish a park with the initial bequest of \$89,000 each; 2) name the park "Brittlebank Park" in perpetuity; 3) continual maintenance of the park by the city.

Julius Brittlebank's son Frank died on November 26, 1966 with no known heirs. Thus the money was equally divided between Charleston, Mount Vernon, and Terre Haute. The Terre Haute share of the money from Brittlebank's estate eventually grew to more than \$115,000 through investment in certificates of deposit.

On July 11, 1974, the Terre Haute City Council approved legislation to establish the park and the park was opened in 1975. Terre Haute's Brittlebank Park is located on 7.5 acres of land at 20th and Grant Streets

in the southeast section of the city.

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Andrew Brittlebank

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Murwillumbah

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Hi,

As a Brittlebank I'm fascinated to know a bit about the history of Brittlebank Park and who Julius Brittlebank was.

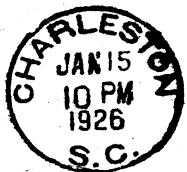
Regards,

Andrew

Letters (3) of Julius Brittlebank



After 5 days, return to
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155 East Bay St.,
CHARLESTON, S. C.



Ans 1/20/26

J. Brittlebank

C. Grebert Esq
22 Grebert Ave

Terre Haute

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CHARLESTON. S. C.

April 18/1929

Dear Mr. Scott Much obliged for your letter March 27 Just
back from a trip to New York Always go up there for the close of
the 'Opera' season

Someone from somewhere wrote me about the "Whaley" family &
their Indiana section so sent it to you for your records
With kind regards & Good Luck

Yours truly
J. B. Brittlebank

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

Jan 15/1926

Dear Mr. Gilbert You postal with the invitation to hear Judge
Henny in Lincoln received Mr. Henny sent me copy

Just back from a trip "Around the World" (December) The 5th one I
stopped in England at the Old Brittlebank Home

We went to England with Mrs. the Emperor 1066. & lived in Derbyshire
(Winston) The last home build about 80 years & an old one 500 years
still there Would like any one from the Home to stop & see them
if they get near Winston Derbyshire (The Switzerland of England)

We have the Coat of Arms & Crest of the Hamney
They owned 5 miles in either direction from Winston at one time

With kind regards.
Julius Brittlebank

1889.

J. Brittlebank & Co.

Brokers,

Charleston, S.C.

U.S.A.

March 19/1929

Virgo Historical Society

~~Terre Haute~~ Indiana

My Mother's name "Whaley" "Wyamarius Whaley" was Standard Bearer of W^m the Conqueror 1066. Battle of Hastings & was made a "Lord"

We are direct descendents of alone & Edward Whaley was cousin of Oliver Cromwell & with him. His father married Francis aunt of Oliver Cromwell (Coat of arms. Three Whales)

We have a Book (History) of the family with records by Rev. Samuel Whaley issued by Andrews Church Ithaca N.Y.

These names will be cherished as long as there is an English nation or civil and religious Liberty needs an advocate.

You have the "Brittlebank record"

Julius Brittlebank

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CHARLESTON. S. C.

Henry C. Gilbert Esq
22 Gilbert Ave

Terre Haute Ind

Dear Sir Your letter May 2nd with card received. Very much obliged
for the honor

My Father was born in British Guiana South America 1820.
was made a citizen of the United States Nov 4th 1851.

His Father was an English Officer Born in England but sent
here by the British Government & located in the sugar planting
when England freed the Slaves 1836 in South America. He & his
Mother came to the U.S. (on account of his health) as the sugar
business went to smash on account of the new conditions.

He married my Mother up in Virginia. Her name was
Whaley & the last of her family was a brother Reverend H. N.
Whaley Danvers Va a Prest. Minister. They located in

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

Terre Haute Ind in the (1850) fifties I was born
in Terre Haute Ind in 1859. I have lived here since
1889. I have one child only Frank Brittlebank
who lives in Fauquier Co Va & farms
With kind regards If you get down this way
come in & see me
Yours Truly
Jesse Brittlebank